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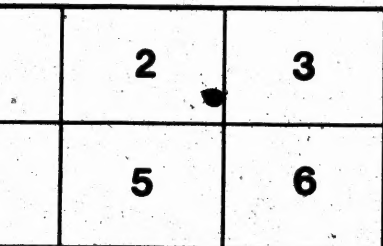
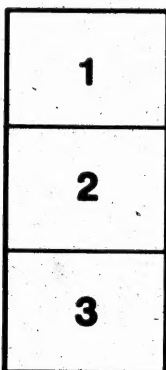
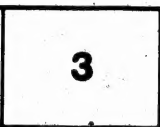
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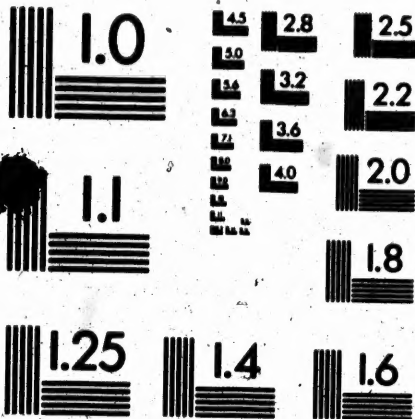
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CONSTITUTION.

PREAMBLE.

Agreeably to notice given from the pulpits of the Churches of the Canada Presbyterian Church, in Montreal, a numerous meeting of the Sabbath School teachers of these churches, took place in the vestry of the Free Church, Côté Street, on the evening of the 20th August, 1861, when it was unanimously agreed to form an association to further the interests of the Sabbath Schools of these Churches.

The meeting after deliberation, adopted the following Constitution, and then elected office-bearers, in accordance with the Constitution.

20th August, 1861.

1st. It was unanimously resolved, to form an association to be called the "Montreal Sabbath School Association" of the Canada Presbyterian Church, and to be composed of the Superintendents, Teachers, Librarians, Visiting Committees and all members of Sessions connected with the Canada Presbyterian Church in Montreal, and its neighbourhood.

2nd. It shall be the object of the Association to promote the interests of all such Schools.

3rd. The Association shall meet on the second Tuesday in the months of February, May, August, and November, and an annual meeting shall be held in the month of February, at which a report shall be submitted, and office bearers elected for the ensuing year.

4th. The office-bearers shall consist of a President, two Vice-Presidents, two Secretaries and Treasurer, who along with the Superintendent, and a Representative chosen from each School connected with the Association, shall constitute a Committee, five members of which shall be a quorum to transact business in the intervals between quarterly meetings.

5th. The Superintendents shall send in a report of the state of their respective schools to the Secretary a fortnight previously to such quarterly meetings, and a report of the state of all the schools connected with the Association, shall be read by one of the Secretaries at such quarterly meetings, and such services engaged in as the Committee may deem profitable.

6th. The *Rules* and *Bye-Laws* of the Association shall not be altered except at a quarterly meeting,

after notice given at the next *preceding* quarterly meeting, and by a two-thirds *majority*.

7th. All meetings of the Association or the Committee shall be opened and closed with devotional exercises.

BY-LAWS.

PREAMBLE.

At a meeting of the Association held on the 12th day of November, in the same place, the following By-Laws were after discussion and deliberation adopted.

DUTY OF PRESIDENT.

1. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Association, preserve order, and lay before the meeting the business to be disposed of, and have only a casting vote, when the members are equally divided.

2. The Vice-President shall take the place of the President in his absence, and in the absence of both, the meeting shall appoint a chairman.

SECRETARIES.

3. It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to keep in his possession all papers belonging to the Society, and take correct minutes of all their proceedings.

4. It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to issue all notices of meetings, and conduct the Correspondence of the Association.

TREASURER.

5. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to take charge of all monies belonging to the Society, to pay all Bills that have been regularly laid before the Committee of the Association, and signed by the President and Recording Secretary, and at the quarterly meeting of the Association present a report of the state of the funds.

6. The Schools, in connection with the Association, shall be conducted by a Superintendent, who shall be a member of the Canada Presbyterian Church: Secretary, Librarian, and Teachers, after the organization of the School, to be chosen at the regular meetings of the Teachers of such Schools, by a majority of votes, and all regulations affecting the School to be adopted in the same manner.

7. The Teachers, composing the different Schools, shall consist of members or adherents of the Canada Presbyterian Church, but in the event of this not being practicable, the Teachers of each School are at liberty to avail themselves of the assistance of members or adherents of other Evangelical Churches, such Teachers from other Churches not to exceed one-third of the number in any Missionary School, and to have no vote in the Association until admitted by the Committee, and such admission afterwards confirmed by a vote of the Association.

8. The different Schools, after their organization, shall have the power of electing their own Superin-

Students and Teachers, and so far as their internal management is concerned, shall exist as independent Schools, although always proceeding from, and under the cognizance of the Association, to which, application must be made in all cases of emergency.

9. The expenses of the Schools shall be defrayed from the Funds of the Association, it being understood that requisition be made to the Committee for whatever the School may require for its efficient working. All accounts against the Association must be laid before a meeting of Committee for approval, and having received the signature of the Superintendent and Secretary, will be handed to the Treasurer for payment.

10. The funds of the Society shall consist of the proceeds of an annual collection, or oftener as circumstances may require, in the churches connected with it, and of donations from members or friends.

11. Any ten Members of the Association shall have the power of calling a general meeting of the same, by presenting a requisition to the President for the purpose, stating the object of said meeting.

12. Should any vacancy occur by the resignation of any of the office-bearers, the Committee shall supply such vacancy during the remaining term of office.



